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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: David B. Slater, Jr.

Group Art Unit: 2818

Serial No. 09/787,189

Examiner: David Vu

Filed: March 15, 2001

LOW TEMPERATURE FORMATION OF

BACKSIDE OHMIC CONTACTS FOR

VERTICAL DEVICES

October 15, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

For:

This is a Status Inquiry in the above pending application. On February 21, 2003, the Office mailed a Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 5) in this application. On March 13, 2003, Applicant responded by electing Group II (Claims 1-7) without prejudice. A copy of the response, the facsimile cover sheet, and the facsimile confirmation sheet are enclosed.

As part of work in a related case, however, Applicant's undersigned counsel of record recently reviewed the status of this application on PAIR. The relevant PAIR page (copy as of October 13, 2003 enclosed) indicates the February 21, 2003 mailing of the Restriction Requirement, but does not include any record of Applicant's response or of any further action by the Office.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office check their records on this application to confirm that the response filed March 13, 2003, has been properly entered or if not, that it be entered at the Office's earliest possible convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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